

## Did Youknow?

## Hazards of the Fall

The fall season is one of the nicest times of year in the DC Metro area, but it also increases some hazards on the roadways.





Leaves covering the road create a slippery mess. Beware of wet leaves that will be as slick as ice. At night, leaves may hide the shoulder or lines on the road.

Although striking deer is a hazard year-round, the peak time is between October and December during mating season and the deer are mobile.

Slow down and remain attentive, particularly close to dusk and dawn. Where there is one deer, there are usually more.

If a deer is in the road, brake to slow or stop. Do not swerve out of your lane as a collision with another vehicle or object can cause more damage than a deer. Release the brake pedal just before impact to keep the front of your vehicle high and avoid the deer crashing into the windshield.